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MANY STARS FOR THE CHAUTAUQUA

Contract Signed with Midland Chautauqua Circuit for 9 Days.

AUGUST 20TH IS THE DATE

W. J. Bryan Will be Here One Day. Nine Days of Splendid Entertainment This Year.

Get ready for the biggest and best Chautauqua ever held in Michigan. The large crowds that attended the Chautauqua at Paw Paw last season were loud in praise of the success of the movement, and the 1910 Chautauqua promises to be even better than last year.

S. M. Holladay, president of the Midland Chautauqua circuit, was in Paw Paw last Tuesday. A special meeting of the Booster's club was called and the matter discussed. A committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Holladay and sign contract for the season if they thought it advisable. A program was selected, the dates arranged, 500 tickets pledged by the business men of Paw Paw and the contract signed.

The committee thought it advisable to arrange a later date than last year and the date selected is from August 20 to 28 inclusive. This gives nine days instead of eight as was held last year. The tickets will soon be in the hands of all the business men and will be on sale at \$2.00 each for the 18 entertainments; tickets for children from 7 to 13 years of age will be \$1.00.

The program as selected is an excellent one. Every number will be good of its class. W. J. Bryan will be the star attraction and will without doubt draw the largest crowd that Paw Paw ever saw. Of course it is not known at this time what day he will be here, but dates will be announced later.

Henry Shaefer is president of the local Chautauqua association and will again be local manager. His management of the Chautauqua affairs last year gave universal satisfaction both to Mr. Holladay and to the citizens of Paw Paw. No better selection could be made for the place.

Following is the talent that will appear on the platform in Paw Paw during the Chautauqua. Something of the details of each entertainment will be announced in a later issue: Dr. E. A. Steiner, Dr. J. Everett Cathell, Mrs. Florence E. Maybrick, Hon. Walter M. Chandler, L. E. Follansbee, Everett Kemp, J. Mahomed Ali, Col. W. J. Bryan, Dr. Thomas McClure, Hon. J. P. Dilliver, Prof. Henry A. Adrian, Dr. Thomas E. Green, Denton C. Crowl, Girls' band, DeKoven Male Quartet, Midland Jubilee Singers, Thatcher's Royal Hungarian Orchestra, Rich and Pianist, Miss Rose Newsbaum.

DOCUMENTS OF OLDEN TIMES

Old Deeds Bearing Date of 1820. In Good State of Preservation and Legible. One from U. S.

Speaking of old documents, those brought to The True Northerner office the first of the week have all former exhibits beaten by several years. The old papers are all deeds of ancient appearance, but still legible and in a good state of preservation.

One is a deed from Joseph Coe of Middlebury, Connecticut, to Elisha Granger of Sandisfield, Massachusetts. It is dated June 5, 1820, and conveys certain lands in the state of New York. Another is a deed from David Granger and wife to David Granger and Austin Granger and conveys lands in New York state. The third is a deed from the United States to Jonathan N. Hinkley of Monroe county, N. Y. It was executed at the register of the lands office at Bronson, Mich., now Kalamazoo, on September 10, 1838, and conveyed lands in what is now Kalamazoo county. Martin Van Buren was president of the United States at that time, but the deed was signed by the recorder of the general land office. The Grangers referred to in the deeds are ancestors of Mrs. Daniel Spicer of Paw Paw.

DECATUR MAN IS PROMOTED

George B. Rogers, Becomes Receiving Teller in First National Bank. Will be Missed in Van Buren Co.

George B. Rogers, for the past five years cashier of the Citizens' State bank of Decatur, has resigned his position to become receiving teller of the Kalamazoo National bank. Mr. Rogers has been a resident of Decatur for the past 14 years, and prominently associated with the civic advancement of the village. He was also active in political and social circles. The True Northerner joins the many friends of Mr. Rogers throughout the county in congratulations on his advancement.

RAILROAD TALK AT BOOSTERS' MEET

President and Engineer of Electric Railroad Co. Present. Ask for Bond Subscriptions.

There was considerable railroad talk at the special meeting of the Boosters' club last Tuesday. President C. G. Davis and Chief Engineer Doctor of the Chicago, Michigan & Indiana Electric Railway company were present, and talked railroad to the club. Mr. Davis explained that the financial people who are backing the company were ready to start the work and push it to completion as soon as all the right of way had been secured, and a sufficient amount of bonds had been subscribed for by the people along the line.

Some property owners are giving the company some trouble in securing right of way by asking exorbitant prices for the land.

Mr. Davis further explained to the club that the company were asking for no donations or bonuses. The bonds for which they are asking the people to subscribe are interest-bearing bonds, secured by the road. Bonds to be paid for and delivered when the road is completed to the place where the bonds are taken.

This is a different proposition than other companies have presented. No money is to be paid until the road is actually built. There was considerable discussion about the bonds, and many questions asked Mr. Davis. The president appointed G. W. Longwell and Wm. Killefer a committee to confer with Mr. Davis and see what could be done in the way of bond subscriptions.

MINISTERS WERE HERE IN FORCE

Splendid Sessions of Ministerial Association. Many Strong Addresses Made During Meeting.

The Spring Rally of the Van Buren County Ministerial Association that convened in the Methodist Episcopal church of Paw Paw Monday and Tuesday was strong throughout. Fewer ministers than usual were present but the association has never presented so strong a program. The general theme was timely and practical. The reports of the standing committees showed research into the conditions of county affairs and ability in presenting the facts so germane to the "life, liberty and happiness" of the average rural church.

The session of Monday afternoon was in every sense preparatory. The Rev. Russell conducted the devotional services and the association president conducted an open conference.

Monday evening the Reverend Dr. Walker conducted the devotional services and the mixed quartet of the Presbyterian church furnished the music. Dr. Clancy of India gave his great address on "Men and Missions." Nothing more valuable has come to Paw Paw in months than this burning message. The attendance was splendid.

Tuesday morning session was marked by the president's address, the report of the commissions on temperance as it relates itself to the rural church, by the Rev. Grigsby, the report of the commission on Sunday schools presented by Mr. Ralph Jennings in the absence of the chairman, the Reverend Fiedely, and the report of the commission on education by the Rev. Dr. Walker. In his address, the president defined the rural church, as does the census bureau, as that church in towns of less than 8,000 inhabitants and all country places. He presented the strictly country problem and advantage, and the town problem and advantage confronted by the average church of the county. The temperance and education reports were so very practical and strong that they will be presented to the county papers later.

After dinner the delegates were treated to a boat ride on Maple lake. The Reverend Owens opened the afternoon session with his able report on corrections and charities, which will appear in the papers later. Mr. Rowe of the state Y. M. C. A. addressed the association on methods of dealing with boys in rural communities. Mr. Rowe is well qualified to speak on this subject, and was sound and practical throughout. He was greeted with many questions, but had no difficulty in giving experience as answers.

President Snyder of M. A. C. was at

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NEW DAUGHTER WAS CAUSE.

Attorney R. M. Chase came down town last Tuesday looking as proud as a school boy with a brand new pair of red top boots. He was stepping high and rather brisily for him, and had one of those broad expansive smiles that once seen will never be forgotten. Little Phyllis Lillian, the eight-pounded daughter that came that morning to gladden the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Chase was the cause of it all.

IMPROVEMENT CO. TO BOOST PAW PAW

Lands Adjoining Maple Lake Platted. Chance for Summer Home.

ON FINE BODY OF WATER

Company Doing Extensive Advertising. Prospects Good for Summer Resort Business. Many Inquiries.

It was little dreamed at the time the citizens of Paw Paw were considering overflowing the beautiful flats at the foot of the village and the meadows surrounding for the purpose of having a power whereby they could operate their lighting and water system that the result would be the beautiful lake that we all so much enjoy. It was little thought at that time what an improvement it would be to the village, and still less was it dreamed what an attraction it would be to people for miles around. The many words of praise and favorable comment on the lake and its possibilities by visitors from afar and a desire expressed on the part of many to have a country home here has had its effect.

The Maple Lake Improvement Company was formed with a view of getting the choice locations on Maple lake in shape so that they might be sold in lots to persons desiring a summer home here. The company now has four subdivisions platted into roomy lots and have dedicated to the public, streets so that the whole is readily accessible. Under the management of W. J. Thomas, workmen have been on the scene since early spring removing vineyards and obstructions and Surveyor Goss with his assistants has been at hand staking lots and roads. The change in appearance of all these grounds shows the great amount of work necessary to get property in shape to appeal to the public. Some of the subdivisions were not heavily wooded, and so that we might have trees surrounding Maple lake the Maple Lake Improvement company have planted upwards of 1800 trees this spring and they add much to the beauty of the streets as laid out in the different subdivisions.

The names that are bound to become familiar when Paw Paw has become a full fledged summer resort are: "Wayside," which is located to the west of the dam near the log cabin; "Shoreacres," which is on the west side of the lake and nearer the village; "Oakwood," which is east of the dam and across Lake Shore Drive, and "Fairview," which is what was formerly the Ferguson vineyard. Many novel names are given to the streets and most of us would like to live on "Easy Street."

Although the plats are just ready and the company but last week started the

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MADE TRIP IN AUTOMOBILE

Card from Claire Gibson, Tells of Trip Over the "Hills" to New Home in West. Roads Bad.

Claire Gibson had rather a novel trip to his new home in South Dakota. The following card written from Dubuque, Iowa, under date of May 18, will give some idea of the trip.

"Got here tonight with Howard Cooper and his father, with Howard's Auburn 40. They picked me up at Rockford, Ill., and we leave here in the morning for Fort Dodge, Iowa, via Waterloo. We ran over some of the worst roads and loathsome hills I ever had the pleasure of seeing, but Howard and the Auburn make a strong team, and we didn't have to be 'helped over' anywhere. Some of the views from the tops of the hills were grand. Send the Northerner to Geddes, now."

Sincerely,
CLAIRE GIBSON.

WILL PLAY AT BUCHANAN.

Cummings and Bullard's Martial Band will go to the Above City for Decoration Day.

Cummings and Bullard's martial band play at Buchanan this coming Decoration day. A. W. Cummings and J. F. Bullard of this city and Wm. H. Bullard of Niles are the members.

"Deil" and "Billie" joined Co. "C," 70th N. Y. Volunteers, as fifer and drummer, at Paw Paw, enlisting May 1, 1861, and "Jimmie" as a member of Co. "C," 4th Mich. Cavalry, was one of the first to interview Jeff. Davis early on the morning of May 10, 1863, at Irwinstville, Ga., who, with his family and military escort, were fleeing from the defunct confederacy.

BUSY AT MENDON.

H. J. Dunbar was home Saturday night from his work at Mendon, Mich., and returned Monday morning. He will be busy there for a month yet finishing up his contracts.

FITTING CLOSE TO SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Last Meeting of Fellowship Club at Home of Rev. E. H. Harvey. Club in Flourishing Condition.

The Fellowship club closed the third year of its existence at the beautiful home of Rev. E. H. Harvey on Wednesday evening of this week. The reports of the various committees showed the club to be in a flourishing condition, both as to membership and finance.

The business part of the meeting being closed, the company, which numbered over 50, adjourned to the lawn to view the comet which blazed in the west, the tail showing about 30 degrees in length. On returning to the house Rev. Mr. Harvey announced in his humorous manner that it would be Precher's night. The Reverend Messrs. Dickinson, Bristol and Williams of Kalamazoo were present as guests, and responded. The president of the Plymouth club of that city was also present. Rev. M. Grigsby told of the birth and growth of the club, also of the charitable work and other good things it had accomplished. Rev. G. G. Stansell, Judge L. Burget Des Voignes, and Hon. Guy Wickesall of South Haven, all helped out on the glittering array of talent that entertained.

After refreshments and a social hour, the club climbed into the automobiles and "ought to be mobiles" (one of the latter carried 17 of the best feelers in the bunch) and journeyed home, voting this a fitting wind-up of a successful year.

STRENUOUS DAYS AT THE U. OF M.

Hostilities Between Freshmen and Sophomores Closed Last Friday With "Cap Night."

The following contribution from one of our student friends at the U. of M. will be of special interest to those who know something of university life.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., May 21, 1910.
An interesting contest was held at Ann Arbor last week between the freshmen and the sophomores, which consisted of a tug-of-war, an obstacle race and a push ball contest.

The tug-of-war was held on the banks of the Huron river, sophomores on one side and freshmen on the other. The 60 heaviest men of each class pulled from opposite banks. It took the freshmen about 15 minutes to pull the 60 sophomores into the river. A light-weight tug-of-war was also held at this time in which the sophomores were victorious.

Three relay races in which each contestant had to carry a large banner, climb a seven-foot fence, and dive through a barrel, were all won by the sophomores.

In the push ball contest, all members of the two classes line up on opposite sides of the field, in the center of which is a leather, air-inflated ball, seven feet in diameter. The contest is in trying to push the ball over the opponents' goal line. The freshmen easily won this, since they outnumber the sophomores three to one.

Friday night was the end of all hostilities between the freshmen and sophomores. The celebration of this event is known as "Cap night."

In the center of Sleepy Hollow, which is a natural amphitheater, a large fire is built of old boxes. As soon as it is burning enough to light up the grounds, the respective classes come marching into the hollow and circle around the fire. First come the seniors, with a slow, dignified step, following them are the juniors, who seem rather indifferent, as the event is not particularly in their honor; then come the sophomores with numerous jokes and much laughter, and finally the freshmen come running in with shouts and general hilarity. They all seat themselves well back from the fire, which has become rather hot. After a few songs and yells have been given, a number of speakers from the faculty, alumni and under-graduates in turn mount a dry goods box, and welcome the freshmen and advise the others. Following this the freshmen start a snake dance around the fire, at the same time throwing their freshmen caps into the blaze, thus signifying the "finis" of their initiation into the U. of M.

IMPROVEMENTS AT DEPOT.

The K. L. S. & C. Railway Co. have made a much needed improvement in the local depot. The east partition has been taken out and the office moved over to the east end of the building, making the waiting room about double its former capacity. The change will be appreciated by the traveling public.

NO USE FOR THE "BIKE."

Will Welch now rides in a brand new Overland Roadster automobile. It is red in color, a fine looking and entirely in keeping with Will's ideas of rapid transit. The old "bike" now adorns a peg in the woodshed.

NEXT MONDAY IS MEMORIAL DAY.

It will be Observed in Paw Paw with Appropriate Ceremonies.

UNION SERVICES SUNDAY.

Grand Army, Women's Relief Corps and Citizens to Unite in Honoring Nation's Heroic Dead.

Next Monday, May 30, is Memorial day, the most sacred of all the nation's holidays. This is the day when every true, loyal American citizen is called upon to honor the memory of the brave soldiers who lost their lives on field of battle, in hospital or prison pen, or from sickness since that memorable struggle.

Sunday will be observed with appropriate union services at the Baptist church. Rev. H. E. Russell will deliver the address, and a selected choir will furnish music.

On Monday the exercises will be held in the forenoon at the waterworks, and in the afternoon at the opera house.

The following general order has been promulgated by Post Commander W. R. Sirrine:

Headquarters Broadhead Post No. 31, G. A. R., Department of Michigan. General Order No. 1.

The members of this post and members of the W. R. C. will meet at the post rooms on Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m., and march to the Baptist church, where union services will be held.

On Monday, May 30, the members of the post and ladies of the W. R. C. will meet at the post rooms and, led by the Paw Paw cornet band, will march to the waterworks for the forenoon exercises. They will again meet at the post rooms at 1:30 p. m., will go to the opera house for the afternoon exercises.

The program at the opera house will be substantially as follows:

Music—Male Quartet.
Invocation—Rev. H. E. Russell.
Reading—Miss Margaret Cole.
Music—

Address of Welcome—Post Commander W. R. Sirrine.

Principal Address—Rev. C. L. Owen.
Recitation—Miss Pearl Stevens.

The exercises will be interspersed with plenty of music and short addresses.

Many of the soldiers are getting old and do not feel able to walk to the cemetery, as has been the custom in former years; therefore, all the exercises will be held as above indicated.

It is requested that the citizens and children be liberal in their donation of flowers for the day, and that they be left at the residence of Ira Hulbert on Saturday and Sunday.

The citizens should assist, as in years gone by, to make the day what it is intended to be: Honor in deeds, thoughts and actions the brave boys in blue who made such sacrifices for the stars and stripes we love so well.

Every place in the village should be closed during the afternoon exercises.

GOOD GAME AT SOUTH HAVEN.

Locals Lost to South Haven Last Saturday in Ten Innings Game. Score was 8 to 7.

The Paw Paw high school base ball team journeyed to South Haven last Saturday and crossed bats with the South Haven boys. According to all reports, it was one of the best games of the season, although Paw Paw went down to defeat. It took 10 innings to decide it, however, and the final score was 8 to 7. Lynn Downing was in the box for the locals and, barring one or two innings, pitched a star game. The South Haven boys were unable to make many hits from his delivery, but were fortunate in hitting when his counted. In the 10th inning a triple and a single put the winning run across the rubber. Ryall of South Haven was the umpire, and the game passed off without any dissatisfaction or wrangling upon either side. It is hoped that the South Haven team will be seen or the local field before the season closes.

PLANS FOR FINE BANQUET.

Ladies of Baptist Church will Cater for Alumni Banquet. Are Famous for Excellence of Their Menus.

The Alumni association is this year planning the best banquet in the history of the association. The ladies of the Baptist church will give it, and they will spare no efforts to make it a success. Everyone is well acquainted with the high class menus these ladies furnish. They have served regular banquets for 20 cents—what will it be for 50 cents? The committee appointed some time ago for the program have it nearly arranged, and we can be assured of some treats in the literary and musical lines. Every member should work for this event on June 10th.

JUDGE PAROLED SOUTH HAVEN MAN

Must Take Keeley Cure and Abstain From Use of Liquor. Other Court News.

Circuit court for Van Buren county convened last Monday. The calendar was arranged for the term, miscellaneous motions heard and chancery matters disposed of. The jury comes next Monday.

The case of the People vs. Forry L. Brott on a charge of abandonment was dismissed on motion of the prosecuting attorney. A plea of not guilty was entered in the case of The People vs. Wilbur C. Hathaway, charged with abandonment. This case will probably be tried next week.

Wakely Elkenburg of South Haven, charged with the crime commonly known as "bootlegging" changed his former plea of not guilty to that of guilty. The sentence of the court was that he pay the costs of his prosecution and that he be confined in the Detroit house of correction for the period of 90 days, but he was admitted to parole on condition that he take the Keeley cure and refrain from the use of liquor for a period of one year. He is to report to the court on the first day of each term in the meantime.

In case of The People vs. Frank Chaffee charged with being drunk and disorderly, sentence was suspended until the October term of court. Chaffee was released on his own recognizance in the sum of \$100.00.

PLANTED THAT GIANT ELM TREE

Uncle John Cook Tells of Early Life Here and of Setting the Elm in the Rear of The True Northerner.

The editor did not know, when speaking of the "giant elm" in last week's issue of The True Northerner, that the tree was set many years ago by our good friend Uncle John Cook, but such is the case. The story struck a reminiscent chord in Uncle John, and he has written The True Northerner as follows:

Some time ago I was very kindly invited by the editor of The True Northerner to give its readers some of the incidents of my early days as a resident in the village of Paw Paw, and the mention of the "giant elm" last week gives an opportunity for one of them.

I arrived in Paw Paw April 27, 1851, direct from England; had 12 sovereigns and a good watch in my pockets; was well dressed, unmarried, was 25 years old, and clock full of days work. My first employer was the late John R. Baker, at that time the busiest lawyer in the county. He had a short time previous been married and was getting ready to go to keeping house in a neat one-story house standing on the corner where now stands The True Northerner office. My services consisted in assisting in cleaning the entire premises, inside and outside; janitoring Mr. Baker's office, and like a first-class English servant, I blacked, to a perfect shine, his boots every morning, and also made a good garden, and planted the what is now the valuable "giant elm." It was then in size a trifle larger than an ordinary bean pole.

And now the question arises, "which has been the most thrifty, the tree or the sturdy young emigrant that dug the hole and planted the tree?"

On the part of the tree, the increase is all in sight at the same time. On the other side the increase is scattered, but there are three sons and four sons-in-law, 17 grandsons. Of those who have come to man's estate, all are stalwart, 185 lb. men, able to "Learn and labor truly to get their own living and to do their duty in the state of life unto what it shall please God to call them."

Three daughters and three daughters-in-law, and every one of them mistresses of well-kept, well-provided for homes, and every one meets the description of the good woman described by King Solomon: "She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness."

Thirteen grand-daughters that are a good average to the rest of the family. One great grand-daughter whom I have never seen—she resides with her parents in the city of Rome, N. Y.

Now, Mr. Editor, and Mr. and Mrs. Reader, which has been the most thrifty and useful, the tree or the man that planted it?

JOHN COOK, Decatur.

STILL VERY ILL.

H. F. Ford of the Clifton house is still confined to his bed. Mr. Ford has been ill a long time. He is better from time to time and able to get down stairs, but has now been confined to his room for several weeks. His many friends are hoping that he may soon be better and able to be out again. Miss Eliza Loftis is assisting in caring for the sick man.